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# State of the Alliance Address

The United States Karate Alliance is now one year old. The Directors would like to take this opportunity to review what has been accomplished this year and what we wish to do in the future. At this point though, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the members of the Alliance. It is because of your support that we have been able to accomplish as much as we have and continue to grow. Our members are very important to us. We welcome your ideas or suggestions, so please contact us.

We would also like to thank our state representatives, regional representatives, chairpersons, and the administrative staff. These people are key elements in the organization and their support has been most appreciated.

When we first sent out our initial mailing after the death of Grandmaster Robert A. Trias, our goal was to create a service organization for people in the martial arts. We realized that people are in the martial arts for a wide variety of reasons: to learn, to compete, to advance in rank, and for some, to earn a living. Many organizations only provide a tournament circuit for their members. Other organizations provide rank certification and seminars by people within their style or system. We wanted to create an organization that was open to all styles so we could all learn from each other and compete in a more open environment.

The response in our first year has been great. We have members in over 35 states and three foreign countries. We have seventeen state representatives appointed and four regional directors appointed. There are over 40 styles represented in the Alliance. We currently have a weapons committee, rules and referee committee, and a public relations committee.

**Demonstration by Odo Sensei at Alliance Southwestern Regional Championships.**

Our Constitution is still being written. We will have the Constitution available in January of 1991. At the World Championships in New Orleans members made suggestions to the committee heads for consideration. The various committees then met and presented specific proposals to the Executive Board and the Board Directors. The proposals were then submitted to the membership for a vote. At the World Championships, several proposals were passed: full points only will be used at Alliance tournaments; black belts will fight to five points and all others will fight to three points; each match will be two minutes running time.

Our first annual seminar was held in March of 1990. Our instructors were Mr. Bruce Heilman, Mr. Roy Oyakawa, Mr. Fumio Demura, Mr. Benny "the Jet" Urquidez, Mr. Robert Bowles, and Mr. Osamu Ozawa. This year our annual seminar is scheduled for March 22, 23 and 24, 1991, at the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our instructors are Mr. Bill Wallace, the Gracie jujitsu brothers, Mr. Fumio Demura and Mr. Bruce Heilman. We are also introducing the Alliance Cup Tournament, which is for black belts only. (Spectators will be allowed.) Along with the above instructors, we will offer seminars in refereeing and a business and marketing seminar. As you can see from our list of instructors, the Alliance holds one of the top seminars in the country. We also have various local and regional seminars throughout the country to provide our members with an opportunity to learn and grow in the martial arts.

The Alliance also provides a tournament circuit for its members and a chance to be rated within the Alliance. Our tournament circuit is quite extensive and growing. Our promoters have noticed that since they have begun sanctioning their tournaments with the Alliance, they have an excellent turnout and great competition. Alliance members receive discounts at many Alliance sanctioned tournaments and seminars.

Our tournament point system was revised somewhat to allow for a greater difference in points between the places. The maximum point system is 20 points for first, 15 points for second, and 10 points for third. Grandchampion is an additional 5 points. The minimum point system is 10 points for first, 7 points for second, and 5 points for third. Grand-

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champion is an additional 3 points. We have already completed one point year and awarded beautiful trophies and certificates at the annual Bushido Awards Banquet at the World Championships. We are already well under way with our second point year.

The crowning jewel of our tournament circuit is the World Championships held in July. Last year the World Championships were held in New Orleans. We had a large attendance and the competition was great. Our competition was finished by 5:00 each day and the rings ran smoothly and efficiently. Next year, the World Championships will also be held in New Orleans at the Clarion Hotel.

We began publication of the *Bushido Bulletin* in December of 1990. This is our fifth issue. The *Bulletin* contains feature articles, notices of events, and keeps members informed about what is happening in the Alliance. Our newsletter is now up to 8 pages and will be increasing in size. For now, it will continue to be a quarterly issue, but our members have been requesting that it be published more frequently.

During the year we designed our logo, rank certificates, membership cards, and national champion certificates. We also have patches, t-shirts, pins, and window decals available for sale to our members. Registered school owners receive a discount on our supplies for resale to their students. We will be developing new Alliance products for sale and eventually producing a catalog of our products.

The Alliance has been active in public relations. Of course, our most successful marketing tool is you, our member. Many people hear about the Alliance from word of mouth from our members. We have been submitting announcements regularly to the national karate magazines. Items about the Alliance appeared in 8 issues of national karate magazines. Our marketing brochure, which explains the history and benefits of the Alliance, is being printed next month and will be distributed to representatives and school owners to assist them in signing up new members. We will be taking an even more aggressive approach in our marketing in the upcoming years.

Registered school owners are eligible for our commission program for signing up their students. We have many black belts in our organization, who we are encouraging to get their students involved and signed up.

The Alliance formed and sponsored a national team this year. The fact that we are able to do that in our first year was even a surprise to us. Each year, the national team will be selected from the black belt point championships, eligible black belt Alliance World Championships grandchampions, and possibly, Alliance Cup winners. Members of our national team have already attended the Diamond Nationals in Minneapolis and the NBL Championships in New York. Plans are underway to attend the Battle of Atlanta in Georgia and various other national level tournaments.

Our insurance program has been difficult to get started. Unfortunately, insurance companies do not understand the nature of the martial arts and consider us a high insurance risk. Plans that have been submitted to us have either been too costly or too restrictive. We will be receiving bids from two other underwriters shortly and hope to have an insurance plan soon.

As you can see, it has been a very busy year for the Alliance. We have accomplished a lot this year and will continue to work hard to provide the services and events that our members desire. Thank you for being a member of the Alliance. We look forward to a long and beneficial relationship with you.

The Directors,
James H. Hawkes
Dr. David Jordan

# Alliance Annual Seminar and Alliance Cup Tournament Scheduled for March

The Alliance Annual Seminar and Alliance Cup Tournament will be held March 22, 23 and 24, 1991, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The seminar and tournament will be held at the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque. The seminar instructors are Bill Wallace, the Gracie Ju-jitsu brothers, Fumio Demura and Bruce Heilman.

The seminars are open to all ranks and styles in the martial arts. Friday will feature weapons instruction. Mr. Bruce Heilman will teach the history, basics and kata for the bo and the sai. Mr. Heilman is the chairman of the Alliance Kobudo Committee and an 8th degree.

Mr. Fumio Demura will also teach a weapons seminar on the bo and possibly a segment on the nunchaku. Demura Sensei was the All Japan Karate champion in 1963 and is highly respected and well-known throughout the martial arts community for his seminars. Demura Sensei also has been featured in many films and is the double for Pat Morita in the *Karate Kid* movies.

A rules and referee seminar will be held on Friday evening. The seminar is required for black belts who wish to be certified as judges with the Alliance. The seminar is also open to all other ranks who wish to attend. The Alliance will be honoring judging certification from USKA, but it is recommended that all certified judges attend this seminar since our rules are somewhat different.

Saturday morning will feature Demura Sensei teaching a seminar in basics. His seminar last year was one of the most popular at the 1990 Alliance seminar.

Also featured Saturday are the Gracie Brothers. The Gracie brothers teach one of the most sought-after seminars today. Their style of ju-jitsu has been taking the martial arts community by storm and has been praised by many nationally known martial artists as the most effective form of self-defense around. Mr. Rorion Gracie states that most fights end up on the ground. Many martial artists do not stress grappling or ground fighting techniques. Gracie ju-jitsu concentrates on this type of fighting and is extremely effective for even small and non-athletic people. This system has been developed by the Gracie family for over 60 years.

Saturday evening will feature the Alliance Cup Tournament which is open to black belts only. This tournament will

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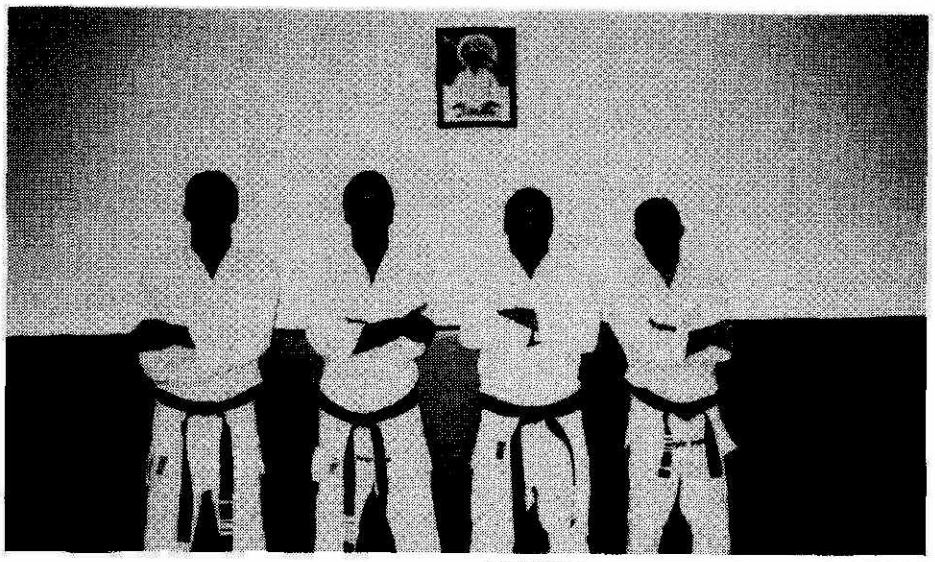
have black belt men's kumite and kata, black belt women's kumite and kata, and black belt weapons. Individuals who attend the rules and referee meeting on Friday night will judge the tournament on Saturday in order to receive their certification. The judging and competition will be structured so that individuals testing for their certification will also be able to compete in the tournament. Black belts from around the country will be competing at the Alliance Cup which will make this an event to attend. Black belt seminar participants will be able to compete at no charge. All others will be charged a $15.00 entry fee.

One of the most popular seminar instructors in the martial arts is Bill Wallace. He will be the featured instructor on Sunday and will teach a 5½ to 6 hour seminar. Mr. Wallace is famous for his kicking skills and flexibility. He was an undefeated Professional Karate Association Middleweight Champion in kickboxing and a renowned point fighter. Mr. Wallace's left leg has been clocked kicking in excess of 60 mph.

A business and marketing seminar for martial arts schools will be held on Sunday morning. This year's business seminar will discuss tax deductions for the martial arts school and ways to market your school.

Each day will feature six to seven hours of workout. In addition, there is the rules and referee seminar, business seminar and the Alliance Cup tournament. The price for all three days for Alliance members is $150.00, or $50.00 a day. Non-Alliance members pay $180.00 for all three days, or $60.00 each day. In order to reserve your place at the seminar and receive these special rates, return the enclosed form along with a $25.00 non-refundable deposit to the Alliance at P.O. Box 8643, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198. Space is limited at the seminar, so in order to guarantee a reserved space send the enclosed form as soon as possible. Registration at the door will be $180.00 for three days ($60.00 a day) for Alliance members or $210.00 for three days ($70.00 a day) for non-Alliance members. You may register for either a one, two or three day seminar.



**The Gracie Brothers**

The seminar will be held at the Sheraton Old Town. The Sheraton is located within walking distance of Old Town, the museums in Albuquerque, trolleys which run to other areas of interest in Albuquerque, and numerous restaurants and stores. The price of the hotel is $55.00 for a single or double and $65.00 for triplets and quads. You may make your reservations with the Sheraton by calling 1-800-237-2133.

The participants at last year's annual seminar stated that it was one of the best seminars they had ever attended. This year will be even better. So make your reservations — we look forward to seeing you in March.

**Bill Wallace "Superfoot"**

## Alliance World Championships To Be Held July 12, 13 and 14, 1991

The Alliance World Championships will be held on July 12, 13 and 14, 1991 in New Orleans at the Clarion Hotel. Friday, July 13, will feature weapons competition, team competition, and the general membership and committee meetings. All kata competition and children's kumite competition will be held on Saturday. Adult kumite competition and the finals will be held on Sunday. The annual Bushido Awards Banquet for the national point champions will take place on Saturday evening.

This year, the World Championships will be at the Clarion Hotel. The Clarion is a beautiful hotel within walking distance of the French Quarter, Jackson Square, and other attractions in New Orleans.

Last year's World Championships was well attended and will be even bigger this year. Beautiful trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places and cash prizes will be given to the Black Belt Grandchampions. Further information on the tournament will be in future issues of the *Bushido Bulletin* and in tournament flyers.

# Interview with the Masters: Mr. Nobuichi "Roy" Oyakawa

By Rick Nathanson

Nobuichi "Roy" Oyakawa was an 11 year-old schoolboy in Okinawa when he was introduced to karate as part of the school curriculum.

"What started out as a subject in school turned out to be a life-long interest," said Sensei Oyakawa.

He was born in Hawaii in 1926. Ten years later the family moved to Okinawa, where as a schoolboy Sensei Oyakawa helped in the family fishing business. At the age of 20, a friend introduced him to Sensei Yamada, under whom he trianed for three years.

"The training under Yamada made me very strong, both physically and mentally," Sensei Oyakawa said. "We trained basics only. Over and over again. In Okinawa, karate training is more vigorous than training in America. It focuses on strength and repetition. Only kata was practiced in class, never sparring. If you knew the basics, the katas, well enough, you could handle a fight. The training in America is much less strenuous, and the requirements are so much lower. In Okinawa, one practiced until one dropped. Here, people quit when they become tired."

In 1949, Sensei Oyakawa returned to Hawaii. He subsequently moved to the continental United States. During these years he studied Shorin Ryu under Senseis Iha, Kina and Taba.

Sensei Oyakawa, a ninth-degree black belt, now lives in California. He teaches three karate classes a week and works out by himself up to three times weekly. In 1986 he was named Kobayashi Shorin-Ryu Instructor of the Year. He is a member of the United States Karate Alliance Kobudo Board, and last year in Albuquerque he was one of the featured workshop leaders at the annual March Seminar sponsored by the United States Karate Alliance.

Outside the dojo, Sensei Oyakawa practices Zen, bonsai gardening, ikebana flower arranging, and plays the three-stringed Japanese musical instrument the samisen. These outside interests, he said, help to calm him and increase his powers of concentration, which are the two most important assets in practicing kata.

"Kata is the primary art of mental discipline. It enhances the spirit and focuses on the opponent," Sensei Oyakawa said. "Kobudo is basically the same as kata. The forms should be repeated until the motions feel natural and instinctive."

**Nobuichi "Roy" Oyakawa**

Although Westerners have adopted and modified the Eastern-originated martial arts to suit their own culture and lifestyle, Sensei Oyakawa said he hopes his students get the same thing out of karate that he has: "Respect for oneself and others. Karate unites the world in friendship," he said.

# Alliance Formed with OKKKF

The United States Karate Alliance and the Okinawa Kenpo Karate-Kobudo Federation (OKKKF) recently formed an Alliance to work together toward the goal of karate / kobudo unification. The organizations will also work together to further the teaching of traditional karate and kobudo.

The OKKKF is headed by Sensei Seikichi Odo, 10th degree from Okinawa. Odo Sensei was recently in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and taught a seminar on kobudo. His seminar was enjoyed by the participants and covered the bo and sai.

Mr. Bruce Heilman, the Alliance Kobudo Chairman, is the International Public Relations Director for the OKKKF. He also instructed at the Albuquerque seminar and will be a featured instructor at the March 1991 annual Alliance seminar.

**James H. Hawkes, Director (l) with Seikichi Odo (center) and Bruce Heilman (r) after signing Alliance agreement with OKKKF.**

# 1991 Tournament Schedule

**January 12, 1991**
Rapides Karate Open
Maximum Point
Tioga, Louisiana
Tournament Director Kirk Bullock
(318) 748-6260

**January 19, 1991**
Ultimate Tae Kwon Do
Karate Championships
(Open to all styles)
Maximum Point
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tournament Director Tim Shunta
(505) 292-6164

**January 26, 1991**
*Battle of the Champions*
Maximum Point
Mandeville, LA (suburb of New Orleans)
Tournament Director Joe Dupaquier
(504) 626-7608

**February 9, 1991**
Minimum Point
Phoenix, Arizona
Tournament Director Mike Wall
(602) 867-9204

**February 16, 1991**
Ju Bushi Do Karate Championships
Maximum Point
Ruston, Louisiana
Tournament Director Don Le Fields
(318) 323-2084

**February 17, 1991**
UNM Karate Championships
Maximum Point
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tournament Director Gary Purdue
(505) 265-1127

**February 23, 1991**
New Mexico State Championships
Maximum Point
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Tournament Director Sherron Schneider
(505) 473-7509

**March 16, 1991**
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Maximum Point
Ruston, Louisiana
Tournament Director Dr. David Jordon
(318) 255-3763

**March 23, 1991**
ALLIANCE CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS
Maximum Point
Open to Black Belts Only
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tournament Directors James H. Hawkes
and Dr. David Jordan
(505) 831-6202

**April 6, 1991**
Maximum Point
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tournament Director Jack James
(505) 821-6892

**April 13, 1991**
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Maximum Point
Laguna Beach, California
Tournament Director Pete Rabino
(714) 380-3935

**April 13, 1991**
Shaolin Classic Open
Maximum Point
Shreveport, Louisiana
Tournament Director Johnny Lee

**April 20, 1991**
TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Maximum Point
Dallas, Texas
Tournament Director Dennis Tio
(214) 293-1928

**April 20, 1991**
Maximum Point
Kokomo, Indiana
Tournament Director Michael Saunders
(219) 563-3872

**April 27, 1991**
High Desert Karate Classic
Maximum Point
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tournament Director Geremias Herrera
(505) 345-5797

**May 4, 1991**
Maximum Point
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Tournament Director Gary Purdue
(505) 265-1127

**July 12, 13 and 14, 1991**
UNITED STATES KARATE
ALLIANCE WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Double Maximum Point
New Orleans, Louisiana
Tournament Directors James H. Hawkes
and Dr. David Jordan
(505) 831-6202 or
(318) 255-3763

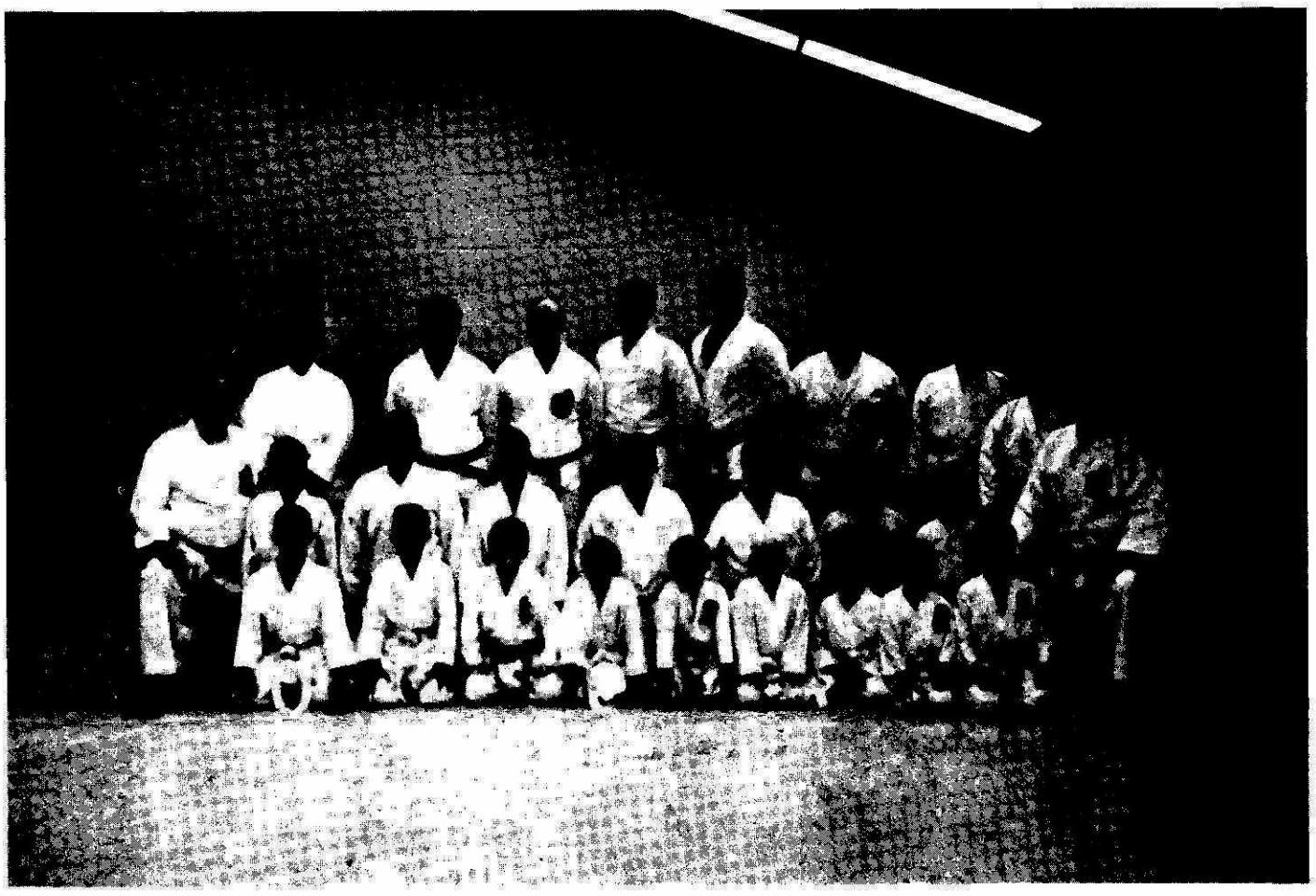
# National Team Fares Well

Members of the Alliance National Team have done well at the tournaments they have attended this year. Steve Perrey placed third and Sherron Schneider took second place in their respective fighting divisions at the Diamond Nationals in Minnesota. Steve Perrey narrowly lost to Steve "Nasty" Anderson, one of sport karate's top-ranked fighters.

Joe Dupaquier placed fourth in forms and second in fighting at the NBL Championships in New York. Cathy Davis placed second in fighting at the Miyagi Chojun Festival in San Diego, California, which featured fighters from all over the world.

The National Team will be attending the Battle of Atlanta in April and is being sponsored to the Alliance Texas State Championships in Dallas. The Alliance is proud of the accomplishments of its team members and wish them luck at future events. National team members are selected from the black belt point champions each year and from grand-champions at the Nationals.

# School of the Quarter



**Burlington Isshinryu Karate Club**

The featured school of the quarter is Burlington Isshinryu Karate Club in Burlington, North Carolina. Burlington Isshinryu Karate Club was started in September of 1988 by Sensei Joel Chandler, 7th Dan and Senior Instructor. The school's chief instructor is Allen Filgo, 2nd Dan. Other instructors are John Price, 1st Dan, and assistants Ken Miles and L.D. Cole.

The Burlington Isshinryu Karate Club conducts classes in the Fairchild Recreation Center. The Center has provided the club with a dojo of approximately 1100 square feet, with adequate space to accomodate four classes per week of approximately 30 students. The children's classes start at age 4 and go to age 12. The club has the youngest Alliance tournament competing member, Brandon Noah, age 4.

Students of the Burlington Isshinryu Karate Club are provided instruction in the history of Isshinryu Karate, traditional exercises, katas and kumite. Along with the physical skills of Karate, each student is encouraged to develop tenacity, self discipline, and respect for one's self as well as others.

## Seminar Schedule

**February 9, 1991**
Shokotan seminar on kata and kumite. Sponsored by Shokotan Karate Club in Albuquerque, New Mexico and taught by Richard Willard, 4th dan. For more information, contact Richard Willard at (505) 844-0994.

**March 22, 23 and 24, 1991**
Annual Alliance Seminar. See related article in this issue. For more information, contact Headquarters at (505) 831-6202.

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# Announcements

**Nevada State Representative Appointed**

Mr. Lee Kittell, 6th dan, has been appointed as the Nevada State Representative. Mr. Kittell is a member of the Alliance Hall of Fame and is a former USKA National point champion. He is also the chairman of the Alliance Rules and Regulations Committee. He may be reached at (702) 435-9015. (Congratulations Lee and Frances on expecting your first child.)

**North Texas State Representative Selected**

Mr. Dennis Tio has been selected as the North Texas State Representative. Mr. Tio is a 2nd dan in Kenpo Karate and operates a school in Cedar Hill, Texas. He may be reached at (214) 293-1928, 301 N. Joe Wilson #1214, Cedar Hill, Texas 75104. Mr. Tio will be sponsoring the Texas State Championships on April 20, 1991.

**Joe Dupaquier Selected as Regional Director**

Joe Dupaquier has been selected as the Regional Director for Region 2, which consists of the Central Southwestern states. Mr. Dupaquier is a 3rd dan in Tae Kwon Do and is a member of the Alliance Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Alliance National Team and a former Alliance national point champion. Mr. Dupaquier may be contacted at 2050 Spartan Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448, (504) 626-7608.

**Louisiana State Representative Appointed**

Mr. Kirk Bullock has been appointed as the Louisiana State Representative. Mr. Bullock is a 2nd dan and a frequent promoter of tournaments in the state of Louisiana. Mr. Bullock may be contacted at P.O. Box 1041, Glenmore, LA 71433, (318) 748-626[illegible]

**Texas State Championships To Be Held April 20, 1991**

Mr. Dennis Tio will be sponsoring the Texas State Championships on April 20, 1991, in Cedar Hill, Texas (suburb of Dallas). The State Championships will be featuring beautiful trophies for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Mr. Tio will be bringing in the Directors, Mr. James Hawkes and Dr. David Jordan, and members of the Alliance National Team to attend his tournament. For more information about the tournament, contact Mr. Tio at (214) 293-1928.

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